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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the courtesy afforded to Applicant and the undersigned counsel by the granting of a personal interview at 10:00 a.m. on March 26, 2007. This paper is accompanied by an Interview Summary Record prepared by Applicant having attached to it a signed copy of the Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form (PTOL-413A) provided to Examiner at the start of the interview and a copy of the Interview Summary (PTOL-413) signed by Examiner MacNeill and Supervisory Patent Examiner Simons at the conclusion of the interview, indicating that agreement with respect to the claims was reached.

This paper supplements the Amendment and Response filed February 23, 2007, and further amends certain claims as presented in that paper. Independent claims 29, 37, 45, 110, 113 and 117 are amended to further distinguish over Tsao 5,084,018, previously cited. Claim 45 is also amended to recite "said surface of the continuous retainer" in the fourth-to-last line of claim 45, with an appropriate antecedent at claim 45, line 12. Independent claims 54, 58, 81, and 96 are amended to further distinguish over Caselli 5,201,710 (already of record but not currently applied). Dependent claims 73,

74, 76, 85 and 89 are amended by inserting "retraction" to be consistent with claims 58, 81, respectively, from which they depend. Dependent claims 83, 102-104, 116 and 118-119 are amended to be consistent with the amendments to claims 29, 37 and 45. Claims 52 and 81 are amended to remove extraneous punctuation appearing in the same claims of the previously filed Amendment and Response. Entry and consideration of this paper and the accompanying amendments to the claims prior to issuance of another office action are specifically requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 3.

Remarks begin at page 20.